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BENNING GETS COLORED AST BASIC CENTER

Vanguard of 6,000
Soldiers Have Arrived
For Training Here

An Army Specialized Basic Training Center to handle approximately 6,000 colored troops coming from reception centers from all over the South is to be established at Fort Benning immediately. Brig. General Walter S. Fullerton, post commander, and Col. Ulric James, commanding officer of the Reception Center, will command the center in addition to performing his present duties.

Col. James will receive a cadre of 1,000 men and 134 officers to form the nucleus of the center. The vanguard of the center's personnel has already begun arriving.

The Center will be organized into four battalions of 24 companies, the latter elements to have a strength of 250 men each.

The first training period will extend over a period of between six to 12 weeks, depending upon the progress made by the individual soldier.

BASIC SUBJECTS

The basic subjects to be taught will include all those up to actual firing range. It is also designed to aid in the proper classification of the soldiers so that the Army may place them in those jobs in which they do the most good, thus expediting the Army's program.

The training period will also include an educational program of three hours daily to bring the soldiers up to the educational standards set by the Army. This program will be so set up as not to slow up the progress of development among those who are in need of more elementary preparation.

Col. James is now engaged in the solution of numerous problems attendant upon the establishment of the Center, such as the housing problem, expansion of recreational facilities, and the procurement of sufficient classrooms adequately to carry on the work of the Center.

239 West Point Men At Post For TIS Work

Two hundred and thirty-nine members of the first year class of the United States Military Academy at West Point arrived yesterday afternoon for a 10-day tour of observation at the Infantry School. The Cadets, divided into four battalions, Fort Benning, Columbus, and were transported to the First Student Training Regiment where they were assigned to the barracks of the 11th company.

In command of the cadets was Brig. Gen. Philip Gallagher, who accompanied the first six companies. Troop train were 39 officers of the military academy.

The cadets will attend numerous demonstrations at various installations of the Infantry School and will also take part in some practical work.

Maybe He Tagged Her With 'Mrs.'

So struck with the beauty of a young lady he met while on furlough was a member of the 30th Infantry of The Infantry School troops, that he sent her the following telegram (paid) to his commanding officer. "I met the prettiest lady staying here on furlough stop Will be home soon."

The C. O.'s comment was a fervent "I hope so" as he tried to figure out the proper file for the message.

30 Spirit Men Complete 120-Mile Forced March

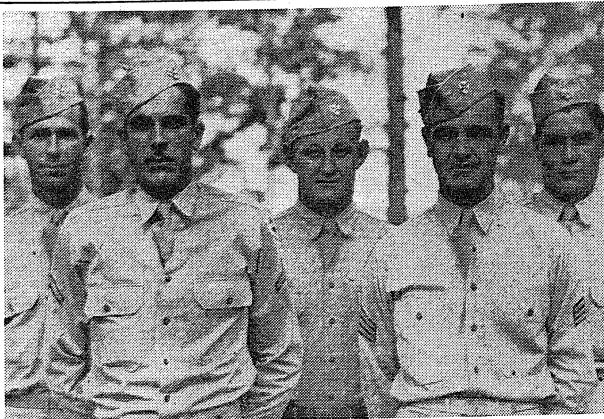
Back at their duties today are the 30 members of the 176th regiment of The Infantry School troops who completed a forced march of 120 miles from Atlanta to Fort Benning in 81 1/2 hours. The march ended Sunday night at 10:30 p.m. when the stragglers marched briskly past the Officers Club and were picked up by the 176th Regimental band.

Four of the five who were forced out, suffered from bruised feet, the fifth suffered from cramps.

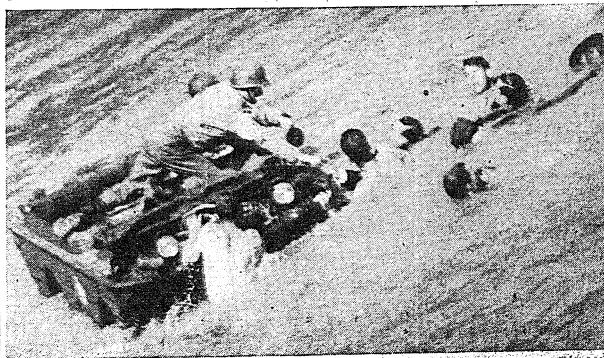
It was hoped that the troops could make the trip in three days, averaging 40 miles a day. But hot weather forced the officers in charge to decrease the pace in keeping with their plan to bring the troops into Fort Benning good physical shape. That was the object of the march—to cover the distance at a pace which would permit the troops to arrive fit for a battle at the termination of the march.

At one of their halts, the troops took advantage of a large shade tree on the lawn of a private home after obtaining permission from the owner. Before they were ready to leave, the owner had rounded up enough oranges to turn out a big batch of orangeade.

On occasions when they stopped to patronize stores, the owners refused to take their money.



THE HEROISM of these five enlisted men of the 124th Infantry was given concrete recognition yesterday when they were awarded the Soldier's Medal for Heroism by Brig. Gen. Henry P. Perrine, Commander of the School Troops Brigade, at a ceremony on the regimental parade grounds. The awards were made for heroism shown in rescuing a contingent of South American journalists who fell into the flood-swollen Upatoi Creek while witnessing a river crossing expedites demonstration last March. Left to right, they are: Corp. James Benton DuBois, Pfc. Kenneth H. Scott, Pfc. Harold E. Thacker, Sgt. Harold Doker and Pfc. Rudolph J. George. (124th Infantry Photo)



ACTUAL RESCUE—The Argentines and their rescuers are shown in the swollen creek just after the bridge collapsed. Note the amphibious jeep. (Photo by courtesy of 'Alligator')

June 15 Deadline For Income Tax

All military personnel who have made the first payment on federal income tax were reminded of the June 15 deadline for the final installation in an announcement from post headquarters.

Although a bill is now pending which would relieve most fighting men of this obligation, it has not as yet been signed by the president.

As the tax bill passed Congress, few soldiers other than unmarried officers of higher grades will have to pay taxes on their 1943 income. In addition to the personal exemptions of \$500 for single persons and \$1200 for married persons, servicemen will be given a flat exemption of \$1500. Thus no service man with less than \$2,000 would pay U. S. income taxes.

Furthermore, the withholding provisions of the pay-as-you-go bill would not apply to service men.

Machine Record Unit Here Abolished Today

The Machine Record unit at Benning will cease operation today and is now being gathered daily until its reports for the Adjutant General's Department will be assumed by the 4th S. C. Headquarters in Atlanta, Lt. T. E. McNamee announced. Its enlisted and civilian personnel will be divided among machine record units about the country.

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428 AST Men Have Reported

18-Year-Olds Began Their Training Monday

A total of 428 young selectees have reported to the new A. S. T. P. Basic Training Center of the Infantry School in the last seven days according to an announcement made at the headquarters of the Center in Harcourt.

The selectees, most of them 18-year-olds, have been assigned to the 4th Basic Training regiment and are in the first two companies of the First Battalion.

It was expected that the selectees would arrive at the rate of 2,000 a week and continue at that pace until the quota of 12,000 had been reached. Present indications are, however, that it will be some time before all three of the regiments of the Center have their full complement of men.

The first company of the selectees began their 18 weeks of basic training Monday.

AN OAK LEAF Cluster to add to his Soldier's Medal for Heroism was presented to Lt. Col. Andy A. Lipscomb, Jr., Director of Training of the Infantry School.

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Five 124th Infantry Enlisted Men, TIS Officer Decorated For Heroism

Air Raid Drills Are Very Serious Business

An Editorial

Monday night the Columbus district including Fort Benning experienced an unannounced air-raid blackout which evidently produced, on the one hand a great deal of confusion and on the other some indifference.

The confused ones flooded telephone switchboards with queries concerning the reason for the siren blasts, while the indifferent ones either paid no attention at all to the signal, or passed it off with the thought that there was a fire or that lightning had set off the siren.

While the blackout at Benning was pronounced very successful, still post officials are quite concerned that every man, woman, and child on the reservation get his or her signals straight, and when a blackout, announced or otherwise, is signaled that every living soul give 100 per cent cooperation.

These air-raid drills are serious business. They give us the opportunity to practice and practice correctly the exact procedure to be followed in case the real thing comes along. Just as troops who fail to correct their errors in training will repeat these errors under fire and cause heavy loss of life, so will people who fail to take recommended precautions during black-out drills invite catastrophe for themselves, their friends, their country.

Colonel John P. Edgerly, executive officer at post headquarters, reminds all military personnel at Benning, that a new chart has been issued here explaining the air raid warning. It is so arranged that it illustrates graphically as well as in words, the BLUE, RED, and WHITE air raid signals.

"These air-raid drills do result in matters of some inconvenience to all military personnel involved," Col. Edgerly stated.

"Unfortunately many soldiers and civilians fall to realize the seriousness of these drills. Many civilians, who do not hesitate to spend a substantial sum each year for fire protection against a fire which may never come, resent spending a few minutes inconvenience in training to prevent panic and disaster from an air raid which they feel will never come.

"The military authorities from the Chief of Staff down regret that they cannot share this feeling of confidence regarding the nonoccurrence of an air raid. A smug complacency and refusal to prepare for this emergency on the part of a few individuals is outright injustice on others. Carelessness in observing, or ignoring, air-raid signals and prescribed procedure when these signals are given is unjustifiable when one considers the expense and effort which has been lavished in educating the public. Carelessness or ignorance on the part of military personnel is plain neglect of duty."

"Any town or community that fails to comply with blackout regulations may not suffer themselves from their carelessness, but their lights blazing brightly at night may constitute a funeral pyre for some other town or community to which their bright lights lead hostile air craft. We feel at Fort Benning that the responsibility is national and by no means local. Bright lights in Columbus, for example, might assist materially in hostile air craft finding Birmingham or some other town. Likewise, bright lights in some nearby town such as Thomaston might prove the fatal touch for military personnel at Fort Benning even though Fort Benning were completely blacked out.

"It is incumbent on every member of the military personnel to be thoroughly conversant with the blackout regulations and signals and to be very scrupulous in observing the regulations governing action when the signals are sounded.

"Like all of our people, military posts hope the wail of the sirens at night will never indicate anything more serious than an air raid drill, but we realize our obligation to meet the more serious meaning which these sirens may have some time. We realize, too, that it is not only for our own individual benefit that we may suffer a few minutes, or even a few hours, inconvenience but that it may be for the benefit of some other town or locality to which our lights might be a guiding beacon. We also hope that none of the communities may ever find themselves in a position of self-accusation or remorse after some even light raid to which their carelessness may have contributed.

"It is understood that unannounced black-outs will be held at frequent intervals in the future and that these black-outs will cover larger and larger areas, when all of our civilian friends and nearby military posts will be included in these darkened areas. Let us all remember, that the smug, 'it can't happen here' is playing the game for our enemies rather than against them."

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Tigers To Use New First Aid Combat Packet

Sulfa Powder, Wound Tablet Drugs Included To Forestall Infection

The new red first aid packet, which all Tigers will carry into combat, is the spearhead in the attack to insure the recovery of the wounded soldier, according to Colonel Paul C. Hansen, division surgeon of the 10th Armored Division.

Proper use of this packet by the soldier will greatly increase the value of the medical aid and treatment which he will receive from the medical detachments of the division.

Three items are included in the red aid packet. First is a shaker envelope with sulfanilamide crystals—"wound powder"—which is to be sprinkled on the wound. Second, is the regulation bandage which is to be used to bind up the wound. Second, is the regulation bandage which is to be used to bind up the wound. Third, is the sulfadiazine—"wound tablets"—which the soldier takes by mouth, at the same time drinking as much water as available. Even if no water is available, the wound tablets should be taken.

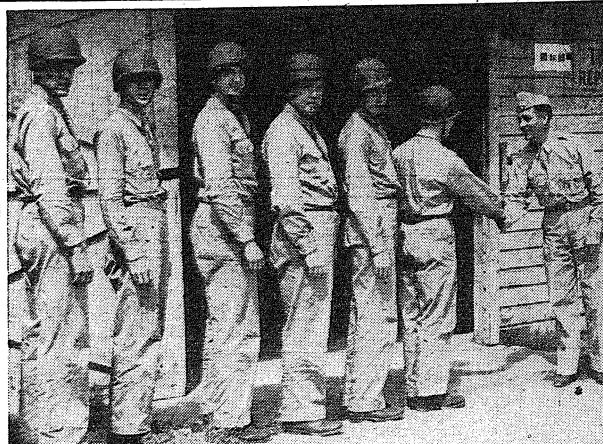
If every soldier makes this correct usage of his first aid packet, he makes a real contribution to his own recovery. In back of the first aid packet are all the resources of the medical department.

Each battalion will be serviced by a unit of approximately 16 men and two doctors who will operate right up in the combat zone. Mounted in two armored half-track ambulances, these unit medical aid teams will carry blood plasma, sulfa drugs, and morphine in their kits. They will perform the first medical treatment for the wounded man, make him comfortable and move him to a collecting point.

From here, the Medical Battalion men will take over. The litter and ambulance platoons of the medical companies will move the wounded soldier to the treatment platoon's surgical station. This station, under the supervision of the doctors of the Medical Battalion, will redress the wound and prepare the wounded man for hospitalization if it is required.

This new modernized medical set-up has already proved to be highly effective in the battle zones where American soldiers have already been in action. Wounded men picked up by the medical department have an excellent chance of recovery. Colonel Hansen said, "The record of recuperation will be at least twice as good as in the last war, and maybe even three times better. Loss of arms and legs by amputation has been reduced to the vanishing point by the use of the new red aid packet since its drugs prevent infection."

When it is necessary to hit the ground at short notice for your own protection or to get rid of mines or other obstacles, a thousandth of a second may mean the difference between life and death to you.



FIRST OF 18 YEAR OLD SELECTEES—Arriving at Fort Benning last week were the first of the 12,000 18-year old selectees, who will train for 13 weeks at the new Basic Training Center at the post. At the top the first arrivals are being welcomed by Lieut. Col. Robert Garrison, commander of the First Battalion of the Fourth Basic Training Regiment, to which the trainees were assigned. Colonel Garrison is shaking hands with James Ernest Anderson of Anderson, Ind. The picture at the lower left shows Daniel W. Reddin, of North Baltimore, Ohio, just after he completed the drawing of equipment, among the first duties of the young soldiers. Although the event has not been reported in the orders of the day, "Yardbird," a canine veteran of two years' service in the Army, has transferred from the 176th Infantry to the First Company, First Battalion, Fourth Basic Training Regiment, and maybe seen above as he awaited the arrival of the first batch of 18 year old selectees. Wagging his tail in violent welcome as the youngsters filed through the Company supply room, Yardbird is said to have shown more life than since his rookie days. (TIS Photos.)

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Reducing the draft age has given the Army new life and pep. I like the looks of the faces of the teen-age boys. You can see they're out for business.

Lt. General Leslie J. McNair.

Student Training Brigade Has Done Tremendous Job

The Student Training Brigade under the inspiring leadership of Colonel Sevier Tupper has been doing a tremendous and excellent job in the training of the many thousands of officers, officer candidates, and enlisted students since its inception in July 1942.

It is difficult for many of us to realize the huge tasks and responsibilities undertaken by the Student Training Brigade, and the many obstacles encountered in the formation of such an organization. In the early days of October 1940, the nucleus of the organization was part of the Unit School detachment, and was called the Training Regiment. Then in January 1941, this unit was redesignated the Student Training Units, and assigned to the Infantry School Service Command. The strength at that time was 2200 student officers, 38 officer cadre, and 172 enlisted cadre.

With the continued expansion of training students, it was necessary to form a 2nd Student Training Regiment in November 1941. The original Student Training Units were split in two, and the 1st and 2nd Regiments were organized. Due to the program of training enlisted men from the ranks to become officers the 1st and 2nd Regiments were unable to handle the increased number of officer candidates, and a 3rd Regiment was activated.

After activation of the 3rd Regiment it was realized that these units needed a new set-up, and on July 1, 1942, the Student Training Brigade was formed. Colonel Tupper, having had a vast amount of experience since the formation of the Training Units, was chosen to work out all the details of a reorganization program. With the splendid cooperation of his officer personnel Col. Tupper was able to devise a Brigade Headquarters plan. This plan now functions with precision and smoothness, and few difficulties are encountered in the processing and training of the students. To these many thousands of officers, officer candidates and enlisted personnel of the Student Training Brigade, Colonel Tupper's dynamic personality and ceaseless drive constantly serve as a noble inspiration.

Since the Army's Specialized Training Program was initiated, Colonel Tupper has been selected as the commanding officer of the center and will retain command of the Student Training Brigade. The center of the new born units will constitute the fourth, fifth and sixth regiments which were recently provided for the training of the 16-year-olds. These young selectees will be given a course similar to a basic rifle company that will fit them to the field prior to entering the various colleges throughout the country for advanced knowledge of highly specialized phases.

—ANONYMOUS, 1ST STE.

Short Sleeves And Pants Would Be Comfortable Now

The current laundry crisis plus the tropical heat wave which has engulfed Fort Benning for the past week or so prompts the BAYONET to step forward at this time with a suggestion which it has long harbored in its G.I. brain.

Briefly it is this. Wouldn't it be a good idea if the Army adopted short-sleeved, open-collar shirts and short pants for wear by soldiers and officers serving in tropical and semi-tropical areas where military standards still place the burden on individual neatness and a military appearance?

Despite the many objections to such a uniform because it isn't considered too military, the BAYONET feels that the individual soldier would look more soldierly than he does in the present uniform once they are drenched with perspiration.

Also it cannot be doubted that the laundry crisis would be eased considerably. Skimpier uniforms would alleviate it simply on the poundage of wash that had to go through a Q.M. laundry. Also, the absence of long sleeves would eliminate the cuff-pressing problem, while the short pants could certainly be ironed in much less time.

Besides all that, it's our belief that uniforms would stay clean for a longer period of time and thus lessen the number that had to be cleaned. We all know that in this intense heat, it is the collars and cuffs that get dirtiest the quickest.

Of course, behind all of this is also the question of comfort and a corresponding increase in efficiency which would be brought about by such a change to a cooler uniform. But the laundry crisis lends a very practical aspect which cannot be overlooked as the cleaning situation in the country over becomes more and more serious.

The Army has long debated the problem of shorts and never reached any definite conclusions. Perhaps this is the time to act!

Mental Meanderings Of A Saturday C. Q.

Well, here I am on CK again—Saturday afternoon, too! Guess it's not so bad, tho, since it's the end of the month and I'm broke anyway. Most of the fellows are gone, and the rest are doing bunk fatigue, so there isn't too much to do. Perhaps I can catch up on my correspondence.

I wonder who the OD is this week-end? Everything is mighty quiet. Think I'll just take this comfortable chair—Oh, hang, there goes that telephone. "All right, operator, if you will leave your number I will notify Corporal Brown of the 23rd Company 1st STR to call you. No, I can't get him on this phone—you're on it."

No, operator, he doesn't have a phone." (My gosh, these operators think every soldier in the Army has his own telephone!) "Yes, operator, I know he's a corporal in the First Student Training Regiment, but he still doesn't have a phone!"

Now I've lost my place in that book I was reading. No, here it is—OOPS! here comes the OD—guess I didn't want to read after all. "Yes, Sir. Very well, Sir. I will call you if you are wanted by anyone." (Why do I have to call him, I wonder? I can handle what comes up around here.) Well, what do you know, here it is time for chow.

The OD just called from the other office and told me to go chow. Now, how on earth did he get in there without my seeing him? Here comes Slim. He's hanging around because he has a furlough coming through soon. Seems like everyone around here is getting a furlough except me. Maybe Slim has a cigarette on him. No, he wouldn't be so foolish as that.

What's that? "Oh, yes, Sir—I guess I must have dozed off for a moment?" That OD is off for another inspection. I don't see what he finds so interesting around here to inspect, anyway. Oh, well—"Yes, operator, if you will leave your number—"

This is where we came in.

ANONYMOUS, 1ST STR.

Yanks In Cold Climes Suffer Less From Disease

Many people are under the erroneous impression that cold climates cause more diseases, especially upper respiratory infections, and that colds are more prevalent in cold weather. This is not true, because colds are caused by germs in the pure cold air has less germs and thus causes less colds.

If men are crowded together in barracks which have impure air and quickly expose and chill their bodies, by moving from a hot room to cold outside temperatures, and are not properly clothed, then these people will catch colds more frequently. But men stationed in cold climates and not herded together in overcrowded surroundings, and are well clothed, then these people will have less colds.

The sick rate of our troops stationed in Alaska is about 1 per cent, making this cold country one of the healthiest spots in the world. Statistics show that the sick rate in Alaska is about one-half of that of the United States, excluding epidemics.

This cold territory with its blowing winters, drenching rains and heavy fogs has such a low sick rate, because there are no body lice, hence no typhus. There is very little venereal disease because of the scarcity of women. Tetanus is practically unknown in this climate because the soil is not contaminated with organisms. There are no bed bugs, because they cannot survive the cold weather; also there is practically no malaria because mosquitoes cannot live in very cold climates.

Wool clothing is ample protection against this freezing weather of Alaska, and very few of our soldiers stationed there developed disease, even during the coldest weather they had last winter. Also the low incidence of disease among our troops was aided by good nutritious foods, warm woolen clothes, clear water, and a non-contaminated soil, with a practically germ free atmosphere.

Parents and relatives of our soldiers who are stationed in Alaska should be encouraged by this low sick rate, and should be mentally relaxed knowing that their loved ones are practically free from diseases.

Maj. F. L. Ciofalo,
Regt. Surgeon.
1ST STR.

Calling A Spade A Spade Could Be Embarrassing

Interested as we always are when we read displays in magazines on the current advertising campaign concerning given names and the origins and meanings thereof, we wince to think what might happen if mankind, eager to revert to a more golden era, should once again take up calling their friends and people with whom they have dealings by descriptive phrases in place of the familiar handles like "Mac, Jack, and Joe."

Such a situation might have certain serious repercussions especially in the Army. But then other people whom Nature—or more specifically their parents—favored with GRAND names might be flattered to know their meanings.

Let's take the case of the "eight ball" of the platoon named Brutus. What if the kindly old sergeant, Jabez, began calling us hero by what his Latin name means? Now we'll grant many a kindly old platoon sergeant probably called many an eight ball "worse than stupid," but what if our boy, Brutus, discovered the meaning of Jabez?

He might greet him thusly, "Oh, sergeant of sorrow, who gives pain." We vouch the old boy would live up to his name to the very letter and make stupid Brutus "hurt."

Short of men? Let's raise our sights and Use the energy spent in fights, Through needless friction, hate and strain. Let's run our lives for the country's gain.

The answer to manpower shortage is men producing more.

"You think this life is killing you," said an army sergeant, "but it's the life you led before you got here that's killing you."



"HERE ARE medal Jap Military would love to give very honorable Yankee people when he don't buy War Bond, don't help U. S. War effort, don't give dam for nobody but self. So sorry aren't but a few kind of Yankee—so sorry!—for us!"

Benning School For Boys

Note book, pencil, alliada,
Fish on Friday, lemonade;
Name plates, open lockers, gigs,
Pacing course, and other rigs.

"Action here," and "Watch my tracer,"
GT pencil, no eraser;
Armor piercing, up three clicks,
Bullet guide, and burst of six.

"Fall out, gunner." "Class, at ease,"
Silhouette up in the trees;
Snipers, ricochets, and fours,
V-bulls, deuces, Maggie's drawers.

"Read the problem." "Honor System."
Butt stroke when you find you've missed him;
Study hour at seven-thirty;
Gig because your rifle's dirty.

QE, azimuth, range, deflection,
HE light, and mil correction;
"Out of action," "Fire at will,"
Assembly point on Turner Hill.

Practice, dummy, fragmentation,
Trigger, tripper, demonstration;
"C for dinner," unionals,
37, four-man hauls.

Salt in tablets, scorching sun,
Touch your toes on count of one:
Expert, holo, school solutions,
Phenix City institutions.

Paratroopers in the sky,
"If you talk, this man may die";
Police each morning, mass commands,
On the double, "In the stands."

Benning Bulletin, Daily news,
Saturday morning's up-turned shoes;
Six-inch fold, and wrinkle free,
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Double apron, booby traps,
Situation on your maps;
Blitz-course, duck-walk, Lewesite,
60 Mortar, M-1 sight.

Bare ground warnings . . . "Off the grass!"
Raggs, third platoon, and brass . . .
Plenty action, lots of noise,
That's the Benning School for Boys.

O. C. Henry T. Wynn,
17th Co., 3rd STR

USO Presents

A MAMMOTH PING-PONG TOURNAMENT AND SERIES OF MOVIE ODDITIES

By PVT. SHELDON A. KEITEL Phenix City has been repaired and delivered to the club . . .

Registration in a mammoth ping pong tournament to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, June 22 and 23, at Ninth Street USO will be confined to the first one hundred entries . . . All soldiers desiring to enter play are asked to fill out registration blanks at the club . . . Prizes will be awarded.

The huge Ninth Street USO auditorium will be the scene of the tournament, and there will be continuous play on eight tables . . . Elimination play will be conducted June 22 with the finals being staged the next night . . . A consolation exhibition match of semi-final quarter-finalists will be held the following Sunday, June 27.

Two cases of new classical records will be opened at the Army-Navy YMCA-USO Monday at 8 p.m. (EWT) as the first move in the opening of a music appreciation and discussion group . . . The program will be led by Prof. Arthur Hall, associate director of the Yale University Glee Club . . . The new set of records will be seen.

An early expedition of the summer outdoor program for service members sponsored by the USO clubs of Columbus and Phenix City will take a group of 35 Fort Benning soldiers to the Columbus home of Mrs. Charles Simons Saturday night . . . The new set of records will be seen.

Key Says

IF WOMEN CAN CUT OWN BREAD, THEY CAN SURVIVE EASH CRISIS TOO

June 15, 1943, is a date that will long be remembered by Fort Benning housewives. On that date the Quartermaster laundry will cease to take family bundles, and on that date many wives will cease to make the laundry a routine stop on the weekly trek with the car.

True, the Quartermaster laundry was not the most convenient thing in the world. It had a habit of promising clothes in a week, then in ten days, and finally we were lucky if we got them on the third desperate trip of inquiry. However, in cases of extreme need where the laundress quit without notice and the Columbus laundries neglected to pick up clothes even after repeated phone calls, it was calming to know that you could deliver soiled clothes to the Quartermaster laundry—although it was never certain when, or if, you were going to get them back.

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Now even that malady has forsaken us. Maids are getting upset at the prospect of doing the entire family wash, accustomed as they are to washing out a few of the toddler's unmentionables and letting it go at that. Laundresses are few and far between, and those women who are fortunate enough to have one are going to find themselves commanding many an offend in order to keep their prized treasures. Columbus laundries were in the kill long before the Quartermaster laundry, so there's no hope of succor

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Mush

THERE ARE NONE SO BLIND AS THOSE WHO WILL NOT SEE

By FALKO M. SCHILLING

The music was soft and mellow, as if the sharp and shrill notes had dulled in cutting their way through the haze of cigarette smoke that hung like a blue curtain in our corner of the already dim-lit and sentimental Orchid Room. The blue velvet didn't over-affect our table; Em and I had been married too long for that, even though this was our third anniversary party. We had long left the adoring glances and affectionate touch of hands to those a little newer in the esthetics of romance. In fact, our chief argument and issue for squabble was that same subject, that silly notion that women have about keeping love fresh and new with each passing day. Of course, I knew Em was right. Why should I have practiced it daily if I didn't? That is, of course, except in places where the general public got the bigger kick out of it. Holding hands under the table, stealing a kiss when the lights grow dimmer for a waltz, or winking a sensuous wink over a tall, thin-glassed scotch and soda, I mean.

Tonight we were at it again. I must have started it off when I pointed out a young soldier who was visibly showering his love on a very attractive and youthful-looking young lady. Em thought it was "cute," but she was referring to the love scene being enacted. I thought it was "cute," too, but I was speaking about this golden-locked vision in a pale blue evening gown, a gown which reminded me of those Junior Prom days back at old M. H. S. As for the love scene, I expressed the opinion that people are too dramatic when they hold hands in night clubs.

Well, sir, that's the way the argument started. Each new drink found as dragging out new theories. Whether love can flourish in stuffy niteries, whether squeezing hands means more than wisely chosen words, whether love grows quicker in proportion to how tightly two dances hold one another.

And so we watched the couple in the corner. The soldier, so neat and well groomed; the girl, so young and attractive. Our watching grew out of the discussion, and then into speculation. When they passed our table to reach the dance floor I summed up his insignia and found myself understanding things a little better. His unit of the Engineers had just arrived from the inland camp and were all set to jump off for God-knows-where in the very near future. I should know, I had a lot to do with getting the supplies together for the convoy. I didn't tell Em what I knew. She was too busy making speculations of her own.

"The kids left shortly after eleven. Em and I were all set to leave, too. It took some wild gestures, but the waiter finally found his way to our table. Old '43' was rather talkative; something unusual in the Orchid Room. He must have heard our conversation during the evening. He must have heard me telling Em how silly it looks to see people making love by squeezing hands, or dancing too close."

"Nice couple that just left," old '43' spoke. "I feel so sorry for the kids. Most people don't even realize what's wrong. They've been here several times the last couple of weeks. Most folks don't know she's blind. Did you notice how the soldier kept holding her hand to keep her from getting frightened?"

As we got up to leave I took the hand in mine and held it tightly for a moment. I held on longer. I squeezed her hand in mine. Then turned to "43." "Yes, we noticed," I said.

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Verse

AN ODE TO TIGER CAMP

A blistering day, and stifling dust.

Old SD was on the tramp;

And we of Service Com-pany

Were out in Tiger Camp.

A four-mile hike (we really ran).

And then we rest awhile;

'Jap In The Grass' is coming next,

(We walk another mile).

With feet all wet from sloopy mud

We must tramp one mile more

And off our clothes and have a swim

Upon a sandy (?) shore.

"The strength test's coming up," you say,

"Well, I'll just show them now,"

And so with breaking bones you rise

And prance off with a bow.

Three hundred yards in fifty flat!

And I thought I was flying;

And then some push-ups, burpees too,

Oh, man, I think I'm dying!!

But wait, you've got another thing,

A course called infiltration,

With shell holes, mud and barbed

wire fence.

What next in all creation?

Explosions rack my aching brain.

And Barbe have torn my clothing.

And in those stagnant water holes

I've found a secret loathing.

But now we've finished, flopped

and fagged;

Barbe in every fiber . . .

But look, for that kitten's "Meow,"

There comes a mighty tiger.

Oh, Tiger Camp, oh, Tiger Camp.

With all your fascination;

There'll never quite be one like you,

If so, where in tarnation?

—ANONYMOUS,

Service Company.

10th A. D.

"Give me back my gun," said the wounded soldier who hopped up to the front. "There isn't any rear in this darn fight." No, there isn't any "rear" in total war and "no end" to it either—even in victory. It is then the fight for our war aims will just begin.

'Boogie Woogie' Added To Chutists' Curriculum

Jive Strains Ease Task Of Packing Recalcitrant Chutes

"Boogie Woogie" has been added to the curriculum of Fort Benning's Parachute School.

The sooth strains of Brahms and Beethoven have upper efficiency of workers in war plants throughout the nation. But, the institution of daily sessions of "jiving" jive" and "boogie woogie" has scored wonders since it has been introduced at the packing section of the Parachute School.

In the packing sheds, where all aspiring paratroopers are taught the trying manner in which they must pack their chutes, the task is a strenuous one. It requires a lot of labor and time, more in the method of art of packing than the time he pounces out of the transports high over Fort Benning for his first jump.

Maj. Alton R. Taylor, of Clarksdale, Mississippi, Director of Parachute Training at the School, recently experimented with the hardy paratroopers in the packing sheds. He introduced lilting strains of smooth music, then the soothing melodies of the Ink Spots, and finally "boogie woogie."

MEN LIKE IT

Studying the men and noting the time needed for packing chutes, Maj. Taylor disclosed that "boogie woogie" was what the men liked best. Packing was done efficiently. And the time needed to pack chutes decreased by 30 per cent from the era of "all work and no music."

A public address system has been installed in the packing shed to amplify recordings of the Andrews Sisters and other exponent of "boogie woogie." As an added attraction, Private First Class Richard Bell, of 2729 West Division Street, Chicago, Illinois, plays "boogie woogie" on his electric guitar. Bell, who works during the day in the message center of the Parachute School, offers to charm the troops at night in his off-duty hours. He is shown above as he charms some soldiers as they go about their meticulous business of packing chutes which will carry them safely to the ground.

(U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

513 Promotes 8 Chutists

Eight officers of the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment have been promoted to higher ranks, according to an announcement reaching post headquarters.

Included in the group are the promotions of three majors, Allen C. Miller, regimental executive; John R. Weikel, commander of the 1st battalion; and Capt. E. L. Ballard, to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Also three captains, Morris S. Anderson, 2nd Battalion executive; William W. Moir, regimental surgeon; and Emmett V. McRae have been raised to major. And Second Lieut. Horace G. Morris, 1st battalion, and John W. Dean of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., have become first lieutenants.

Colonel Weikel, whose home town is Royal Oak, Mich., is attending Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kas. Colonel Miller and Ballard are natives of Quincy, Ill., and Minneapolis, Minn., respectively.

Of the others, McRae is from Valdosta, Ga.; Anderson's home town is Baton Rouge, La., and Moir is a native of Minneapolis, Minn.

Chutists Invest Million Dollars In Life Insurance

More than a million dollars worth of National Service Life Insurance, the low-cost protection afforded members of the armed services of the United States, was bought in two days last week by members of the First Army Air Forces at the Parachute School.

Captain John B. Spitzer, commanding officer of the company, disclosed that the average policy for the troops in his unit totals \$9,400. Including insurance policies which have just been taken out, the amount of protection purchased to date by members of the Academic Company totals \$5,191,000.

Practically every soldier in the company who has dependents, Captain Spitzer said, "has taken out adequate insurance to safeguard them." He revealed that 90.5 per cent of all men in the organization have purchased National Service Life Insurance.

Take your goggles off when not in use. Their reflection when shined up over your helmet is simply an invitation to an enemy sniper.

The army forces in Africa roost their own coffee raised on that continent.

The candidate spent his boy-

THE TEDIOUS TASK OF PACKING PARACHUTES has now become a favorite of aspiring paratroopers at Fort Benning's Parachute school, Maj. Alton E. Taylor, of Clarksdale, Miss., director of parachute training, experimented with the men and discovered that they packed chutes 30 per cent faster, and just as efficiently as heretofore, when music floats through the packing sheds. Although the troopers are "at their best" when listening to "boogie woogie," one of their favorite entertainers is Pfc. Richard Bell, of 2729 West Division street, Chicago. He spends his off-duty hours at night entertaining chutists in night packing classes. He is shown above as he charms some soldiers as they go about their meticulous business of packing chutes which will carry them safely to the ground.

(U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

O. C. Cheers As RAF Bombs Native Town

Rechthaffen Says He Would Like To Show Allies Targets

Officer Candidate Oscar Rechthaffen left whoops of joy the other evening in his barracks when he read in the papers that "old hometown" had been subjected to a merciless bombing.

Rechthaffen's "old hometown" is Duisberg, Germany, major Rheinland-Pfalz, and Rechthaffen, who has experienced Hitler persecution, says:

"Wish I could have been with R. A. F. to show them a couple of good targets."

Rechthaffen is training for his second Lieutenant bars in the Third Training Company of the Third Training Regiment, commanding here from the 12th Armored Division, in which he was a radio instructor. He spent his youth in Germany and was a student at New York University before entering the Army.

The candidate spent his boy-

hood in Duisberg. His life was the same as that of any other schoolboy until he reached his 12th birthday anniversary in 1933 simultaneous with Hitler's coming to power. From then on, he was in his junior high school class, had to sit at the rear of the classroom in a yellow chair, labeled "Jew."

Chum of better days refused to speak to him after the persecutions, but Rechthaffen, even then, of growing up to serve the German army, "Don't expect to join the R. A. F. to show them a couple of good targets."

"Won't they be surprised to see me though," he added, musingly. When conditions became unbearable in Germany, Rechthaffen went to Palestine, where he attended an agricultural college for two years. He came to this country in 1937, joining his parents, whose property in Germany was confiscated.

and rental allowances will be granted to women commissioners or enlisted only to the extent that they are allowed for commissioning officers and enlisted men without dependents.

Before further action, differences between the Senate and House bills will have to be ironed out.

House Approves Bill Incorporating WAAC's In AUS

Legislation placing the WAAC in the Army of the United States has been approved by the House of Representatives this week, with several slight changes over the bill which was recently passed by the Senate.

Under the new bill adopted by the house, the corps will limit itself to 150,000 strength; the commanding officer will be limited in rank to colonel; physicians and nurses will not be enrolled in the corps; military authority of commissioned officers of the WAAC's will be exercised only over women in the corps; the Women's Emergency Dismounted Allowance Act of 1942 will not be applicable to dependents of women enlisted in the corps; subsistence

New Child Care Center Planned

Benning Civilian Mothers Asked To Fill In Blanks

Civilian mothers working at Fort Benning whose children are not conveniently located to the two already established Child Care Centers in Columbus are asked to fill in blanks recently sent out by the Muscogee county Department of Public Welfare for the establishing of a new center.

The first Child Care Center in Columbus was established in the Peabody Housing Project district and takes care of many children in that section. The Linwood Day Center is the second oduct centers for working mothers, at 940 Twenty-seventh street.

For lack of interest, the Center in the Booker T. Washington Housing Project for colored children was discontinued, but plans are underway for establishing two more sections of Columbus One will be established in the Pough street school beyond the Jordan Mills, and the other in the Shady Grove church, corner of Nineteenth and Second avenue.

GOVERNMENT

The government puts up an amount equal to that given by any civilian agency, person, or by the fees paid to the centers for the care of children. A business woman's club of Columbus pays \$20 per month and the government meets that amount, making \$40.

Fees are \$2 per week for colored children and \$3 for white children, less 10 per cent for each additional child from the same family. This includes orange juice in the morning, their regular meal dinner dinner in the middle of the day, and crackers and milk for the afternoon snack.

MISS NEVA WEST

SOUPS LEFT OVER

Ranking highest in left-overs was soup, indicating little waste. Fresh vegetables, cereals, soups and fish appeared next on the soldier's taste preferences, as found by the survey. In addition a new system of ration allowances computation has been devised based on average mess attack rates rather than the older method using unit strength.

PARACHUTE PROMOTIONS

The promotion of six enlisted men of the First Academic Company of the Parachute School, Fort Benning, has been announced by the public relations office of the Parachute School. Sergeant Douglas W. Morlan has been raised to staff sergeant, and Sergeant Raymond P. Horwath has been made technician third grade. Technical Fifth Grade Jack J. McCree and Technical Class Richard E. Hayne have been promoted to sergeant. Private Irvin J. Leo has been raised to technician fourth grade, and Private Gabriel W. Lavella is now technician fifth grade.

Ft. Lewis, Wash., recently received a new recruit in the person of Lewis E. Lewis of Lewisport, Ky.

through beef stew, kidney beans, coffee, and gelatine.

Attempting to accomplish closer utilization of food, Quartermaster experts are now busy adjusting menus to suit the average soldier's taste discrepancies, as found by the survey. In addition a new system of ration allowances computation has been devised based on average mess attack rates rather than the older method using unit strength.

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Sportscasting

BY SGT. CARL NEU

HATS OFF to the crack Parachute School nine which turned the first-half race in the Fort Benning league into a runaway after a bad start. In losing their opening game, TPS showed little promise but once the Skyjumpers began to click, they moved on all cylinders and grabbed seven wins in succession to take the gonfalon.

Much of the credit belongs to Capt. George Johnson for leadership and patience in developing the team. TPS now rates as one of the hardest hitting aggregations on the post and is bound to give the Infantry School loop champ a great battle for post laurels.

The first-half schedule in the Fort Benning League came to an end Tuesday night, but the Paratroopers won't be idle during the interim between now and the play-off dates early in July. They have already played two games with camp Stewart and have another pair coming up as well as a brace of tilts with the 37th Infantry from Camp Rucker and the improved Columbus Foxes.

IF THE PROFS of the Academic Regiment continue their steady parade to the altar, Sgt. Milton Luban, their ace publicity man, will be forced to change the name of the current TIS leaders to the Benedictine. In less than two weeks recently, three of the diamond tossers were married. First it was Elmer Neibler, crack centerfielder, then Rudy Rundus, the elongated pitcher. And just last Saturday, Ceaser Dabbs, another gardener, took the fatal step. Now it's rumored that Benny Zientara's getting similar ideas, but his bride-to-be is a Chicagoan, so Ben's marital venture will have to wait until his next furlough—which might be to tilt the baseball season's over.

THIS FELLOW Claude Shoemaker of the 774th Tank Destroyers is really the talk of the 10th Armored Division in baseball circles. He's practically a one-man cyclone. Besides sharing a tie for batting supremacy in the Cuzzets League with a healthy .475 average, Shoemaker is the team's star pitcher and turned in a beautiful tilt at Gowdy on Saturday when he set down the favored 455th Coast Artillerymen in the opening play-off game. Critics claim he's the best player in the division, although he has played very little pro ball. He's from right close by in Sargent, Ga., and you're quite likely to hear more about him at war's end.

SPEAKING OF STARS, there's one Benning player who will be the rage if he ever hits the big time which he's almost sure to do. It's Red McCluskey, the red hot third sacker on the Student Training Brigade team. Who right now is batting a cool .600 or so in the Infantry School League. A fine fielder with a strong arm and plenty of speed, he is definitely a comer.

Red played last year with Cedar Rapids in the famed Three-I and was slated for Montreal in the International this year. He's the property of the Brooklyn Dodgers and if he ever takes over the hot corner at Ebbets Field, he'll surely be an idol what with his flaming red hair, fiery nature and colorful play.

ONE BENNING athlete who was particularly saddened by the news of the uniformly deadly death of Nile Kinnick, Iowa's famed footballer, is Erwin Prasse, Academic Prof third baseman, who was a team mate of the All-American back on one of the greatest Hawkeye elevens. As a matter of fact, it was Prasse who ended in his own right, who caught a pasturrow by Kinnick in the state final and handed Minnesota's mighty Gophers during the '39 campaign.

That was the year that Iowa swept six games and a tie in eight encounters against the cream of the Midwest. The 13-8 last quarter win over Minnesota and a 7-6 win over the Irish of Notre Dame highlighted the campaign. Kinnick was rated as one of the best players of the year and was an excellent passer. Prasse was on the receiving end of many of his passes.

Red's third sacker was a three-sport star at Iowa and went on after college to play professional baseball and basketball. In the court game, he played with the famed Oshkosh All-Stars which means his presence in the Academic Regiment will also bolster Prof hopes for a basketball title next winter. Meanwhile, Prasse is doing a bang-up job at the hot corner for the Profs and swing his bat in the batting order's No. 5 spot. He is a dangerous long range hitter.

SPORT SHOTS—Fans are already looking forward to the July 2nd game when the 300th meets the Profs and the distinct possibility that Lefty Francis, now tutoring the 300th, will pitch against his old mates. . . . Speaking of the 300th reminds this corner to suggest that they adopt the name of "The Invincibles." This would be a little easier to write about them without continually repeating numerals. One of the largest crowds of the season is expected to witness the Service League opener tonight and some good baseball is in prospect with several former pro stars on both teams. . . . There are rumors floating around about a post golf tournament but nothing has materialized. . . . The recent heat wave has made most folks uncomfortable, but not the baseball pitchers. They love it and some of the recent mound performances at Gowdy speak for themselves.

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Russ Pool Is Open On Sunday Morning

All day swimming every Sunday has now been made available for enlisted men and their families and guests at Russ Pool, corner of Main and Church in hours announced last week by Lt. Col. Charles C. Flanagan, head of the Fort Benning Athletic Association which operates the pool.

Instead of the gates to the pool being closed at 5 p.m. as before, the pool now opens at 9:00 a.m. for a three hour morning period on Sundays only. It will be closed during the noon hour, then opened again at 4:00 p.m. and stay open until 6:00 p.m. The evening hours will be the same as during the week, from 6 until 9 o'clock.

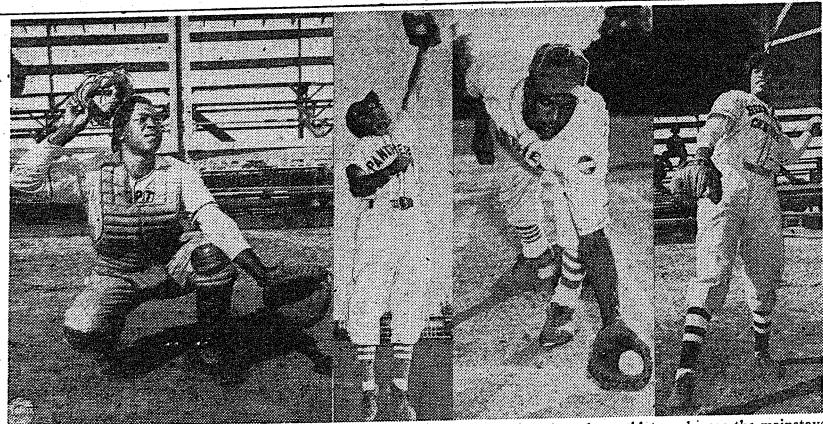


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8-Club Service League Opens Tonight



STARS TO SHINE in tonight's Service League opener at Gowdy Field will be these four athletes who are the mainstays of the Reception Center and 3rd STR nines. On the left is Jim Greene, sturdy catcher for the Orphans, who is a former Negro National League star with the Homestead Grays and Kansas City Monarchs. Over on the far right is Roy Welton, the expected starting moundsman for the Reception Center, who is also a former national leaguer from the Grays and the Philadelphia Stars. The two Panther infielders in the center are Frank Phillipson, peppery shortstop, and Big Hank Blackburn, star first baseman, of the 3rd STR tossers. Both lads are well known Benning athletes and were the sparkplugs on the crack Panther court team this past winter. Phillipson, a former New York City schoolboy ace, was also a grid star for the green and white club. (Signal Lab Photos by Bourne and Stock.)

Profs Lose First Tilt To Student Training Brigade As Loop Race Gets Hotter

Prendergast Triumphs Over Dickinson In 2-1 Mouth Duel

BY SGT. MILTON LUBAN

It had to happen someday! And the Student Training Brigade decided there was no time like the present. So, on Sunday afternoon, led by burly Jim Prendergast on the mound, they hauled off and socked the Academic Regiment Profs right into the defeat column, handing the Profs their first licking of the season after the Academics had piled up nine straight Infantry School League victories. The score was 2 to 1.

OUND DUES

As anticipated, the game was a beautiful pitching duel between Prendergast and Dickinson, both pitchers hurling eight scoreless innings. But the Profs could only squeeze across one run in the first on an error, single and infiel'd out, while the Brigadiers exploded in the fifth with a single and two successive doubles for their two runs.

The Brigade triumph, plus its Monday win over the 244th Field Artillery, pulled the team into a second-place tie with the 300th Infantry.

The second game of the double-header saw the 124th Infantry come from behind to smack the 176th Spirits, 5 to 4, marking the third consecutive triumph for the Gators.

MCCLUSKEY RAGES Most spectacular individual streak of Red McCluskey, Brigade third-baseman, was broken his ninth inning, 545, 18 hits in eight games, including seven doubles, a triple and two homers.

Holding the spotlight next week will be the 124th Infantry, 5 to 4, as before, the pool now opens at 9:00 a.m. for a three hour morning period on Sundays only. It will be closed during the noon hour, then opened again at 4:00 p.m. and stay open until 6:00 p.m. The evening hours will be the same as during the week, from 6 until 9 o'clock.

RIFLES ERATIC Tomorrow night the Brigade meets the 71st Engineers in an easy game while the Profs take on the erratic Rifles who seem to do better in losing than winning. The Rifles are knocking off the tough ones. The Rifles pulled a typical stunt in beating the powerful Foxes last Sunday.

On Monday the Rifles clash with the 76th Spirits who will be gunning for revenge over the banting the Rifles handed them in their first meeting. At Harmony Church, the same evening, the Profs will be having their hands full with the scrappy Gators.

300TH VS. BRIGADE Next Wednesday will see another highlight in the 300th and 244th Field Artillery's race for possession of second place. The winner will be in a strong position to challenge the Profs for the first-half championship, while the loser might just as well resign itself to making plans for the second half.

SCORES OF THE PAST WEEK: 176th Infantry, 18; 71st Engineers, 1. Academic Regiment, 23; 244th Field Artillery, 8. Academic Regiment, 5; 764th Tanks, 0. 124th Infantry, 5; 176th Infantry, 4. 244th Field Artillery, 15; 764th Tanks, 0. Student Training Brigade, 10. 244th Field Artillery, 0. Standing: W L PCT. Academic Regiment: 5 1 300 Student Training Brigade: 23 244th Field Artillery: 8. Academic Regiment, 1. 124th Infantry, 5; 176th Infantry, 4. 244th Field Artillery, 15; 764th Tanks, 0. Student Training Brigade, 10. 244th Field Artillery, 0. Standing: W L PCT. Academic Regiment: 5 1 300 Student Training

Parachute Nine Captures Title In Post League

Borden Hurts TPS To 10-0 Triumph Over 24th Hospital

The powerful Parachute School nine won the first-half title in the Fort Benning League last Thursday night when the skyjumpers blanketed the 24th General Hospital by a score of 10-0 in an encounter at Gowdy Field.

Pete Borden, fireball right-hander, on the mound for TPS, hurled superlative ball all the way, setting the Medics down with three scame hits and fanning

the 24th lads threatened resistance in only one frame, the seventh, when they placed men on second and third on a hit and walked with none out. However, Borden hatched up its belt and proceeded to strike out the next three men, to sweep up the ball.

TPS backed up Borden's fine mound effort with a 12-18 hit attack on the Medic hurler and scored its runs at will. Kinard and Portera were the big guns in the paratrooper hit column.

The 18th will win the seventh consecutive title for the Parachute School, which swep't to the title without trouble after losing its first loop test. TPS ended the race with a full two-game margin over the second-place teams.

BOYS IN SWIM!

More than 50 boys at Fort Benning are now enrolled in the Boys Activities Swimming Classes held every Monday and Tuesday evening at the Officers' Club Swimming Pool, with Lt. William L. Bryan of the Publications Section of the Infantry School in charge.

CHRISTIE STARS AS GATORS GRAB TWO MORE TILTS

Christie Gains Credit For Both Victories In 3-Day Period

Lew Christie, stellar right-hander for the 124th Infantry Gators, put on an iron man's stint in defeating the Benning Rifles, 5 to 3.

Friday at Harmony Church, 5 to 4, Sunday at Gowdy Field, 10-0.

WILMAKER HURLS

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Joe Kirkwood Here Tonight

Joe Kirkwood, noted trick golfer, will give a golfing exhibition in Doughboy Stadium at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 10, Lieut. Col. Charles C. Flanagan, post special service officer announced today.

Admission will be free to military personnel. The performance will last for approximately an hour. Mr. Kirkwood's tour is sponsored by the Philco Corporation of America.

A special show will be set up in the stadium so that all persons viewing the performance will be able to see the intricate trick shots for which Kirkwood is famous. He will bring his own backstop, appropriate for the exhibition, with him.

Travelling in a private automobile, Mr. Kirkwood is now on tour in the Fort Benning Service Command, Colonel Flanagan said.

Former Racers in Tiger Division Hope to Meet at Indianapolis

The Indianapolis speed classic of, say, 1946 or 1947, should be a race of Tiger vs. Tiger. There are two members of the 10th Armored "Tiger" Division, anyway, who hope to be entered in the "500-miler" after the war is over: Cpl. Milton Fankhauser of Division Headquarters Co. and Sgt. Vernon E. Tharp of Co. A, Maintenance Battalion.

Both have made a living from the grueling racing business. Fankhauser for eight years and Tharp for four, and both have zoomed over tracks all over the country. Both have "taken" laps and track lingo for cracking up.

Both have had miracuous escapes. Fankhauser, who is rated among the first 10 race drivers of the Central States Racing Assn., drove his first race at Sacramento, Calif., about nine years ago. Since then he has won 100 races in the speedway in the country, with the single exception of Indianapolis. He holds track records all over the U.S. and in 1939 won the Canadian championship.

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Reception Center To Oppose Panther Nine In Gowdy Field Fray

Pitch-Out Ceremony Will Precede Big Colored Battle

The Fort Benning Service League, a brand new baseball circuit composed of eight crack colored nines, will get off to an auspicious start tonight at Gowdy Field when an elaborate opening ceremony will precede the first tilt between the Reception Center and the 3rd STR Panthers.

While the Orphans and Panthers are battling it out in the park, the Panthers'劲敌 Tigers will oppose the Academic Regiment Peacemakers in another game slated for the field at the Reception Center. 2nd STR, 1st STR and the Provisional Truck Reds and the Provisional Truck Blues, the other four loop entries, will swing into action in a series of four games.

FANCY PITCH-OUT

In the pre-game ceremonies tonight, the first pitch will be tossed by Lt. Col. Ulric N. James, commanding officer of the Reception Center, and the pellet will be caught by Col. R. H. Lord, commanding officer of the 3rd Regiment. The ceremonial pitch will be made by Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, post athletic officer and head of the Fort Benning Athletic Association, which is sponsoring the eight-club league.

Officials expect a banner crowd.

On Sunday, the Reception Center will open with almost 15,000 fans from the Reception Center expected to march to Gowdy Field behind the unit's snappy band.

TITLE FAVORITES

The game itself will bring together the four of the title favorites in the loop circuit. The Panthers, tutored by Lieut. Jack Guskin, have already engaged in several practice frays and been quite impressive. The Reception Center, on the other hand, is relatively untested, but boasts a wealth of talent.

Two outstanding former pros are expected to form the battery for the R. C. outfit. Roy Wilmauer, a crafty leftfielder who is slated for mound duty, has seen service with the Atlanta Crackers, the Philadelphia Stars and the Homestead Grays. The latter two are Negro National League nines.

CRACK CATCHER

Wilmauer will serve up his fastball to Inoff, who is hitting .302. Inoff is a right-handed batter who has scored 11 runs in his first 20 at bats. (Continued on Page 7)

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TPS Divides In Two Games At Camp Stewart

Win Sunday Tilt By 3-2 Score After Saturday Loss

In a trip to Camp Stewart over the past week-end, the Paratroopers gained an ever split in a brace of games with the strong antiaircrafters.

WIN ON SQUEEZE

Saturday's game was practically a bag for the Paratroopers until the fatal last inning. They had a 4-2 advantage and were rolling along behind Bucket Vaughan's neat hurling. But Stewart rallied to tie the count on some solid hitting, then perpetrated an artful squeeze to gain the decision.

Both teams batted out eight singles in the battle, with Danny Coyle slinging three strikes to lead TPS at the plate.

HOGAN HURLS

On Sunday Hogan took the mound for the Benning nine, and pitched a beautiful game setting the home team down with three lone hits. Meanwhile, the Paratroopers batted out seven safeties paced by Mickey Maguire with two.

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3rd Armored, 774th Prep For Title Clash

Tiger Diamond Crown At Stake
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BY CPL. CARROLL M. RINES

Champions of the Sand Hill and Cussetta Leagues, respectively, by virtue of their title playoff wins this past week end, the 3rd Armored Regiment and 774th T. D. Battalion nines are currently prepping for the 10th Armored Division crown series, which opens on the 16th of this month.

Tentative plan call for the first and last games of this best-two-out-of-three game playoff to be fought on Tiger Field on the 16th and 18th, with the middle game under the arch at Gowdy Field, Main Post, on the 17th.

Although the 3rd Armored, undefeated in this loop, still play this Spring, came through as expected in the Sand Hill circuit, this past week's loop titles series was not without its upsets. In fact, both of Saturday's opening games in the Cussetta League went contrary to expectations. The top bucket took the worst kicking around at Gowdy Field, where the 774th beat off the previously unbeaten Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) Battalion, 9-1. The Anti-Aircraft club, however, rather surprised, too, but found its nemesis in Claude Shoemaker, the Teedees' dizzy right-handed chucker. Shoemaker hurled a great seven-hit ball game and helped his own cause along by slapping out four timely singles.

MAINTENANCE OUSTED
In the other Cussetta duel, the never-say-die Supply Battalion, after six days of Supply Battalion elimination the 1942 loop champ, Maintenance Battalion, by a 4-3 margin. Big "Bucky" Buchan fanned two batters in a ninth-inning rally to put the ordinance outfit just in the nick of time. Maintenance had scored

three times and had the sacks loaded when Buchan ran buckled down. Bill Quinlan pitched four hit ball for the losers, but was the victim of his mates' misplays.

The 1st Battalion of the 54th Armored Infantry Regiment also turned in a mild upset when it edged the 11th Armored Regiment, 5-4, in a Sand Hill opener.

The 3rd AR sluggers had little difficulty with the 420th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, smashing out an 11-1 victory behind the two-hit chucking of Ralph Brett.

NO RUNAWAYS

Sunday's finals lacked many of the thrills of Saturday's scraps, yet neither could be called a runaway. The 3rd AR came from behind to top the 1st BN, 54th AIR, 10-5, with iron man Brett again showing his stuff. Brett took over the mound chores after Smith had developed a sore arm in the second frame and hurled four-hit ball the rest of the way.

The Teedees' star bit of hurling in the Cussetta finale, Hurley Martin allowing Supply Battalion only seven well spaced hits in painting the QM club, 6-0. Martin fanned eight and received some grand support, particularly by Third Baseman George Bob Martin, who went the route on the mound for the losers, also pitched a seven-hitter but passed 11 batters and committed a throwing error that led to three first-inning Tee-dee tallies.

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Gator Golfer Wins Tourney From Chufist

Bilowich of 124th Captures Laurels In Columbus

Corporal Michael Bilowich, Company A, 124th Infantry, from Lyndora, Pa., recently defeated 1st Lt. Lynn Creason, 513th Parachute Infantry, 8th and one to play in the Lions Municipal Golf Tournament, Columbus.

Bilowich, only one over par for the three rounds necessary to win the tournament, easily defeated John Dorn, 4 and 3, and L. Blanton, 4 and 2, shooting par all the way.

Against Creason, Mike played the first nine holes and thought Creason continually outdid him, he was usually on the green, putting for his pars or birdies.

Mike jumped into the lead on regulation par on the first, only to have Creason even it on the second, coming out on the rough and sinking an elongated putt, while Bilowich three putt.

The champ, chipped dead on the third for a birdie and went two up on the fifth with a par, as did Lt. Dorn, who was having trouble driving and was two games behind.

The two matched shots throughout the remainder of the round, giving Bilowich the match, tournament and War Savings Stamps, offered as a prize.

The scores:

Par 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Total

Bilowich 5 5 3 4 4 3 5 4 4 37

Creason 6 4 4 4 6 3 5 4 4 40

Civilian Activities

By MYRTLE M. JONES

What is my responsibility as a civilian employee for the government and what am I doing about that responsibility is a question each civilian should ask himself.

Is the civilian fully cognizant of the fact that this war and its outcome is as important to him as it is to the soldier? Is the civilian aware and fully appreciative of the fact that he is at home doing his job while the military personnel who is fighting this war is far from home and its comforts?

Civilians have an important task to perform. That task which separates us to whether or not they are awake to the importance of the task they are trying to perform.

Just for example. Our soldiers are the best trained soldiers in the world. But it is up to civilians in the supply division to see that they get necessary supplies to keep them the best-trained by seeing that they continue getting their supplies on time or our casualties will be two-fold. So this business of being civilians employees can be construed no more with than a soldier does.

So the job you have shadowed how much I am to be paid or how long I am to work to fulfill my task. Civilians should lose themselves and their identity in their job.

Civilians employees were originally designed to release army fighting men for the battle front. This was a task which was proved and through the years more and more civilian employees have been added to the government pay-roll until today the government is the largest employer of civilians in the country.

Civilians should live in every way the best of manners between themselves and their employers. At times there are strained conditions existing between employer and employee and it has been suggested that a program be instituted to bring about better understanding. A better understanding than possible that malignant absenteeism could be curbed to a large extent by a better understanding of relations between employer and employee.

But on every job where civilians are employed the question should be asked and an adequate answer found for it. "Am I fulfilling my job efficiently enough to enable a soldier carry successfully the battle to the enemy on the front line?"

This question cannot be answered honestly unless you do your best each day on every job assigned to you; unless you are on the job on time to do that job every day; and unless you have in the right mental attitude that can come only from good health, straight thinking, and an honest desire to serve.

Grace Culbreth in military per-

sonnel at Post Headquarters, has

Changes in civilian personnel sonnel at Post Headquarters, has taken her family and gone to McLean's to go for a fishing trip. Well we hope the weather is right and Miss. and Myra White's resignation transfer from Bradford, Pa.

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Habitual mourners of "the good old days" are prone to give what the French, with true Gallic succinctness, allude to as a "torticolis" but what we must content ourselves with calling a pain in the neck. These sententious boils are so enchanted with the past that they derive a minimum of pleasure from the present. They forget that today is tomorrow's yesterday.

Now, fearing fearful will make us take it off so we turn away with a sigh. Now, lacking a day, our poor brass buttons are obsoleted by the day's dreams which will receive uniforms which will be much more practical than our present ones but which won't have a gleam, or a glisten in a gross.

Now this musical society has no corner on these retrospective beds, nor another aspiration to cadet or soldier. And, possibly, the present day child being so much more sophisticated has fewer romantic illusions on the topic of military life but when we wear the scourge of the kindergarten, soldiering to us means snappy uniforms, uniforms glittering with brass and braid like a 14th Street honky-tonk and cavorting gallantly about to the accompaniment of fifes, bugles, drums, and military bands.

But alas, when the dreams of our childhood are apparently on the verge of fruition and we are swished off into the army, what do we find? Instead of the wasp-waisted white uniforms and coq feathers shakas a la Oscar Hammerstein or even G. I. Joes we are given green blouse and a manila envelope cap. We glue our noses longingly against the glittering shop windows of Broad St. speculating as what maximum of that gaudy bravado we might be able to put on our blouses to make us more picturesque. We know darn well, however,

Canine Mascot Joins Basics 'Yardbird' Transfers From 176th Infantry

The event has not been reported in the orders of the day but nevertheless "Yardbird," a canine veteran of two years service in the Army, has transferred from Company A of the 176th Infantry to the First Company, First Battalion, Fourth Basic Training Regiment.

The regiment is one of three new A.S.T.P. Basic Training regiments of The Infantry School.

The first batch of 18-year-old selectees arrived at Fort Benning, June 2, a lone lot of 35 boys from Fort Harrison, Indiana. It was hot, they were tired and also lonesome.

But wagon tail in violent welcome as they filed through the company supply room to their equipment was the Yardbird, showing more life than he had shown since his rookie days. Yardbird is strictly an Army canine. He likes to play, to run, to jump, to bark. The 176th became home when the regiment was assigned to guard duty in Washington following maneuvers in the Carolinas.

LIKES OPEN AIR

He didn't mind it very much when the regiment was transferred to Fort Benning because it was located out in the open spaces of the Church Hill area. When it was moved into the brick barracks at the Main Post, Yardbird objected. He didn't like cement floors. He didn't like barracks with three stories and a basement and innumerable corrugated roofs. He didn't like it for a study cause of his ill health.

When it became necessary to organize a cadre for the newly activated training regiments, some of the personnel of the 176th were transferred. Company A, contributed the cadre for the reactivation of the Fourth Regiment. Yardbird was presented with a problem.

However when he learned the First Battalion of the new regiment was to be quartered in the barracks formerly occupied by the 176th in the Harmony Church Hill area, he decided to come along with the first batch of cadre back to the wooden barracks among the pines where he can chase squirrels to his heart's content.

Yardbird also will have seniority over all but the cadre. At present, members of the new regiment, including their army days in days whereas the Yardbird counts his in years.

1918 Veteran Still Likes His '03 Springfield

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Hospital Patients Witness Another Musical Show

Another in the series of musical and variety programs given by the patients of the Neuro-psychiatric Section of the Station Hospital was given on Wednesday afternoon, June 2. The continuance of these weekly entertainments, started by Captain Shulac in May, is evidence of the success which they have enjoyed.

This most recent performance by the patients of the Section and their guests was opened by an accordion and guitar duet by Sergeant Pintello and Private Dunlap.

Following the singing of "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Marie Callahan" by the singing group "White Cliffs of Dover" and "There Are Such Things" by Corporal Jimmie Gramman of the W. A. C. A.

Mr. Emmet Leitel of the American Red Cross sang "Johnny Doughboy" after which he led a group singing "My Old Solid Gold." This was followed by two dances, one slow and one fast, by Private Elwood Bridwell of Ward E. 6 which was represented by Private Alden Young who sang "Wagon Train."

Private Charles Jones, a dental student, gave up his previous induction, sang "The Road to Mandalay" and Corporal Gramman concluded teh show by "You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To." At the end of the show, cold punch was served by the Red Cross.

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There are more ways of getting a cow out of a dry well than tying it to a balloon and other methods than closer order drill of making a soldier think enough to be a 100% G. I. who doesn't hate soldiering are fall guys for a formal dress parade to music and will even admit they like it. After all, if there are two fundamental chivalries attributed to a man, he is to brave, they're a loving of dressing up and showing off and the armfuls of the world are getting duller and duller as time goes on. What chance has a boy got now— are not reactionaries, we may have, a mean skin-flinched adays.

LIT. CRANE CAPTAIN

First Lieutenant Douglas B. Crane, member of the temporary detachment of 283rd Quartermaster Company, has been promoted to the rank of captain. Entering the service in October, 1942, as a first lieutenant, Captain Crane was assigned to the 283rd last November after a short orientation course at Camp Lee, Va.

The Officers R. & R. Club on Cussetta Road is by far the most popular place in Columbus for commissioning officers and their guests. Ask anyone on the reservation who has been there.

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Poker-Face Jap Is Misnomer, O.C. Says

O'Melia Investigator In California MP Concentration Camps

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COURT GOD OF CHANCE

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WAAC's Learn About Foot Care

1st Lieut. Gail Gaines, executive officer of the 43rd WAAC post headquarter company, Fort Benning, Ga., has issued her WAAC general rules for foot care during the hot summer months.

The rules, as emphasized by Lieutenant Gaines, are general commonsense rules that could profitably be followed by civilian as well as military personnel.

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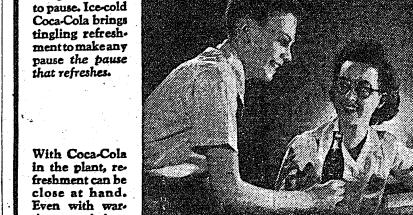
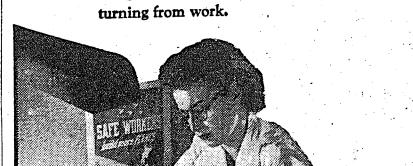
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Although the percentage of soldiers who have taken out insurance in past months has neared the perfect record established during May, this is actually the first time that all of the selectees from the Reception Center who go to Benning for processing have availed themselves of the insurance benefits offered by the government.

The lowest policy taken out by soldiers amounts to \$5,000 while the average policy amounts to \$8,412.82. Eighty-nine percent of the selectees who entered the Army at Benning last month purchased \$10,000 policies.

Lieut. John W. Inzer, Jr., insurance officer of the post who is charged with supervising the insurance program, pointed out that "the record of the Reception Center is one of the most enviable on the entire post. When the total number of men in the organization is considered, in addition to the fact that most of the men are stationed here but a short time, this record stands as one very hard to beat by any Army unit."

Col. James said that when the selectees arrive at the reception Center they are told about the insurance policies and of the special benefits which accrue to service men through the low-cost insurance. The decision to take out insurance then rests entirely with the soldiers, he pointed out.

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Fort Benning Time

Post School Graduates 38

Impressive Ceremony Marks Term's End

Thirty-eight graduates of children's school at Fort Benning received their diplomas at exercises held Friday in the school auditorium.

The exercises were brief but impressive. Col. Frank M. Thompson, chief of the chaplains branch, gave the invocation; Barbara McKee delivered the farewell speech for the girls; and Rev. George W. Chapple spoke in behalf of the boys. The class song, the words of which were written by Mary Strain and Eleanor Whittemore, was sung to the accompaniment played by Patty Cook. Col. Harry Bullock, president of Fort Benning school board, delivered the diplomas, and Miss Annie Lou Grimes, school principal, announced events on the program. The benediction was pronounced by Chaplain William H. Hunt.

The auditorium was decorated for the occasion with flowers arranged by the school girls.

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Truck Reg't Literacy School Graduates 52

Col. Vida Presents Certificates At Close Of Three-Month Course

Fifty-two enlisted men of the Provisional Truck Regiment have received certificates for those persons successfully completing a three-months course in basic subjects at the Regimental Literacy School.

Colonel Frank J. Vida, commanding officer of the Provisional Truck Regiment, presented the certificates to the graduates. Introduced by Lt. Everett Bell, Regiments Supply Officer, the Colonel expressed his satisfaction with the progress made by the graduates and offered encouragement to others in the school who have not yet completed the course.

Lt. Colonel Edward G. Herlihy, Regimental Executive Officer, was present and offered his congratulations to the graduates.

Chaplain Levi L. Stannover, who divides his time between the Service Battalion, Third Student Training Regiment, and the Provisional Truck Regiment, gave a message on working together and making the most of opportunities for advancement.

FUNCTION EXPLAINED
Sergeant Walter R. Bennett, Jr., the school supervisor, explained how men who, for various reasons, have been denied educational privileges are given education in reading, arithmetic, spelling and geography by competent enlisted personnel. He told how these classes meet four nights weekly and how a well-planned program has enabled many soldiers to better themselves mentally.

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PTR Officer Back On Duty

Complete Automotive Course, Infantry School

The Provisional Truck Regiment has welcomed back into its fold eleven officers who have just completed a three months course in Automotive Section of the Infantry School.

These officers were originally assigned to the regiment during its activation in December, 1942, but, in February, 1943, were selected by Colonel Frank J. Vida, regimental commander, to attend Motor Maintenance Class Number 23 at The Infantry School.

After the required period of learning the army method of handling, servicing, and repairing all types of vehicles, these officers have returned to their regiment and will assume the duties of motor officers in various companies of the regiment.

As evidence of the fine records made by these men in the school, Lieutenant Colonel A. Hendon, Jr., "T" Provisional Truck Regiment, won the distinction of having the highest grades for the course, and when the final ratings were released, had led all other members of the class.

Officers from the Provisional Truck Regiment who graduated were: Lieutenant George H. Loyd, Jr., Captain V. Serafini, William H. Webb, Jr., Captain William W. Briggs, Channing C. Colston, Charles H. Fields, Jr., William G. Gray, Melvin A. Hendry, Jr., Tyler E. Hill, Jr., and Herman McKinney.

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Technicians Fifth Grade, William H. Golden, J. B. Hecht, Stephen M. Kennedy, Jr., and Eugene Spain, Jr., have been raised to corporals. Pfc. Homer V. Cartington, Homer Franklin, Richard L. Foster, Homer C. Martin, Luther M. Arnold, Jr., Homer L. Freeman, Charles N. Smith, Robert W. Hunt, Jr., and Samuel J. Sharp have been promoted to the rank of technician fifth grade.

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The new ruling, which does not affect officers personnel of the Medical Corps or Corps of Chaplains, states that Specialist Reserve insignia will be worn during the first three months of duty.

It is also added that retired regular army officers will wear

insignia of the branch in which they were previously commissioned, unless now detailed to another arm or service.

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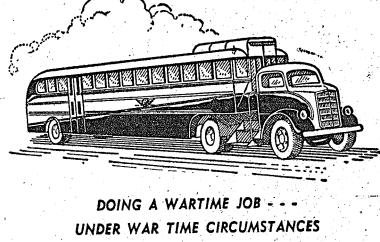
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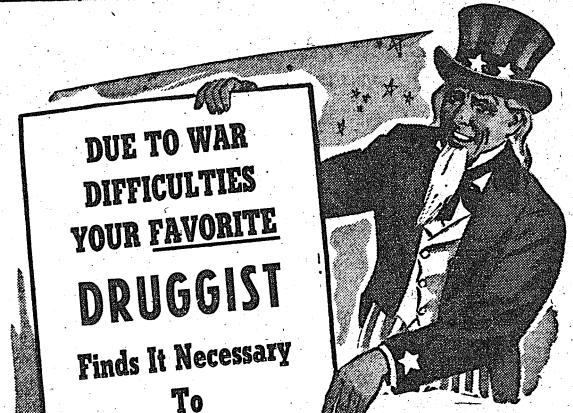
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